

est attainment of the righteous in this life is only "*Scarcely saved*." I Peter iv, 18. Our brightest meridian here, is only the faint dawn of the nightless hereafter. Rest assured that Philip. i, 6 means you. And also I Cor. ii, 9. And not less John xvii, 24. This last promise is objective. But Rom. viii, 18 is subjective. So also is I Peter v, 1. "The glory which shall be revealed in us." "A partaker of the glory that shall be revealed." "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them," John xvii, 22. Is not Paul's paradox in II Cor. iv, 27, the most rational and natural result conceivable? Such an incarnation, such a salvation, such an identification of God and the sinner, such a blending of character and interest and blessedness by faith: is it a wonder that the expectant, *Heaven-ante pasting* saints should sometimes be beside themselves for very joy? II Cor. v, 13.

You are now thirsting for God even as the heart panteth for the water-brooks. Psal. xlii, 1-2. You can hardly wait till you have plunged to the bottom of Eph. iii, 19. Consider well the words "*tarry*" and "*until*" in Luke xxiv, 49. Thank God for what you have, and pray and hope for more—much more. "*Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart* ; WAIT, I SAY, ON THE LORD." Psal. xxvii, 14. It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power," Acts. i, 7. "*Pray without ceasing*." I Thess. v, 17. Wrap yourself up in verse 18. Very solemnly ponder and realize verse 19. For you also is verse 20. Testify boldly yet meekly for Jesus. Make verse 21 a pivot in all your reading and hearing and living. Let the open Bible not only lie always ready for use, but let it lie in the center of your heart as the very light and food of heaven. Wear verse 22 as a golden crown on your mitre. And then—only then—will the purity, and glory, and power, and joy of verse 23 be yours. The infallible pledge of this is verse 24. And to make even the testimony of God doubly sure, couple all the preceding with Heb. vi, 17-18. "Keep ever busy in the large field of II Cor. v, 15, and

I Cor. ix, 22, and God will not disappoint in John xiv, 23.

Thank you for the stamp you inclosed. I write thousands of letters, and I look to Philpp. iv, 19, and Gal. vi, 6, and Heb. xiii, 16, for all the essentials of my pen-ministry. The Lord loveth not only a self-sacrificing worker, but "a cheerful giver." "THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US."

#### SCATTERED THOUGHTS.

BY LEONIA S. STOUT.

As I was reading my Bible, Matt. vii, and came to the 16th verse I was greatly impressed by it, and I shall write a few of my thoughts for the EVANGELIST columns.

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit."

This Jesus uses to illustrate spiritual life and development. We are here compared to a tree and the kind of fruit it bears. Jesus says, "a tree is known by its fruit." Likewise the Christian is known by the fruit he bears. Wherever you meet a true Christian in a very few words you will find out in what relation he stands to God. This noble character and Christ like disposition will soon reveal itself—at least this has always been my experience.

A tree casts her fruit at certain seasons; but the Christian must cast his fruit continually, and it must be good fruit. A few characteristic's of the fruits of a Christian are love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness and temperance. To produce the best fruit, and a large quantity, the tree must be cultivated, pruned and cared for in every particular. Just so it is with the child of God. He must go through the same process, before he can bear fruit to the glory and honor of God. We must put ourselves in his hands, yield ourselves under his mighty power, as the clay is in the potter's hand so must we, be in God's hands—moulded as he chooses, not as we choose. When we thus give ourselves to him, then are we fit, meet for our Masters use. Our blessed Savior will support and care for us and give

us strength to perform every duty he has enjoined upon us, and will fill us with the fruits of righteousness which are by him, unto the glory and honor of our God.

We are told in James iv, 17, "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated. Full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. When we have this wisdom, then will our fruits be perfect. Certainly we all desire to bring our Savior the best. This is our privilege and also our duty. God requires it of us, the world is watching us to see where our treasure is. If our associates are among the Christian people and at the prayer meeting all is well; but if at places of amusements or entertainments, such as the world calls pleasure, what kind of an influence are we exerting over the world? Are we not from appearances lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God? "By their fruits ye shall know them."

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#### DON'T PREACH ABOUT HELL.

BY G. W. RIDDLE.

TO TENDER FOOTED CHRISTIANS:—Listen alone to the voice of Christ. He is the center and sum of the New Testament dispensation—the embodiment of all we can know or think of love divine. Whatever suspicion of insensibility and hard-heartedness might attach to Paul, the logician, or to Peter, the fisherman, is inadmissible here.

Whatever the world knows of vicarious love, this man Jesus, taught it. He locked arms with the great problem of human redemption, and walked with it down under the olives and up the hill of woe, he put himself beneath the burden of man's sorrow as no other did; he loved mankind as mothers love babes; he wept over cities as men weep over graves. Whatever words he speaks to us, therefore, we shall be certain that they are not the utterances of a heart that could gloat over cruelties, or could try to get power over men by appealing to their fears through horrible pictures of fictitious woe. The lips that speak to us now are the same that will pray for murder by and by. These things burst upon us from the tenderest